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Special Committee for Science and Technology
Requirements Working Group

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The Requirements Working Group (RWG) of the Science and Technology (S&T) Committee will examine the relationships between requirements and technologies developed in functional working groups and coordinate the ordering of applicable technologies into recommended acquisition strategies. The ordering process to be developed, shall not be a"1" through "n" prioritizing. The process will build on the technical assessments developed by the other working groups, which will have addressed the technology bases, government and civil, and related them to satisfying operational requirements. Within the framework of like activities/functions, the RWG will incorporate assessments of utility with respect to: availability (timeliness) versus cost, technical and resource risks, added competitiveness based on multifunction and/or multiuser potential, applicable funding strategies (singly and/or jointly) consistent with departmental programming, and so forth. The results of these efforts will be recommendations to the NDPB, through the Coordinating Groups as to investment and acquisition strategies, which promised increased effectiveness in accomplishing the missions of the participating organizations. Needless to say, judgmental factors will cause this process to depend heavily on the expertise of the representatives of the agencies.

Groupings developed as a first cut are focused on the enforcement problem. A like set of groupings shall be developed for the demand side. The initial enforcement groupings are:

-- Contraband Conveyances

-- Communications

-- Information Management and Data Fusion

-- Collection and Surveillance

-- Suppression

-- Interdiction

-- Apprehension

-- Security Assistance

-- Money Flow

These categories are provided as examples. A discussion is anticipated at the first RWG meeting to consider changes, additions, and so forth, in order to develop the means to support the working group's goals.